

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORLD BANK VISIT TO KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank representatives had visited Karnataka to study some water implementation projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives of the visit; and
- (c) the matter discussed and decisions arrived in consultation with the State Government of Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (c): A World Bank mission visited Karnataka from June 8 to 19, 2010 to review the implementation of the Karnataka Community-Based Tank Management Project.

The team visited about 20 tanks in 6 districts to meet Tank User Groups (TUG) and inspect works, and also had discussions with District Project Unit (DPU) staff. The field visits allowed the team to assess social mobilization and group formation; TUG procurement; physical progress with and construction quality of tank improvement activities; maintenance of accounts and other books by Tank Management Committees (TMC; the elected governing body of the TUG); and procurement actions carried out at district level.

The main focus of the discussions has been the timely use of the remaining funds to rehabilitate as many tanks as possible and empower TUGs to take charge of operation and maintenance of the rehabilitated tanks. A total of 3,800 tanks in 18 districts is targeted. Another point of discussion was the future sustainability. The Bank team discussed with senior government officials the need to have an institutional structure in place that can monitor TUG performance on a regular basis and that can post-project provide support, as needed, to TUGs.